

**INTERCONNECTION AND TRAFFIC INTERCHANGE AGREEMENT  
FOR CELLULAR AND OTHER 2-WAY MOBILE RADIO SERVICES**

**Between**

**Frontier Communications of Wisconsin LLC**

**and**

**ALLTEL Communications, Inc., ALLTEL Communications of Lacrosse Limited Partnership,  
Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah MSA Limited Partnership, Eau Claire MSA Limited Partnership,  
Wisconsin RSA #1 Limited Partnership, Wisconsin RSA #2 Limited Partnership, Wisconsin RSA #6  
Limited Partnership, Wisconsin RSA #7 Limited Partnership, Wisconsin RSA #8 Limited  
Partnership**

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THIS AGREEMENT is made this 1st day of November, 2003 by and between Frontier Communications of Wisconsin LLC, a Wisconsin corporation, with offices at 180 S. Clinton, Rochester, NY 14646 (referred to as "Frontier"), and ALLTEL Communications, Inc., ALLTEL Communications of Lacrosse Limited Partnership, Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah MSA Limited Partnership, Eau Claire MSA Limited Partnership, Wisconsin RSA #1 Limited Partnership, Wisconsin RSA #2 Limited Partnership, Wisconsin RSA #6 Limited Partnership, Wisconsin RSA #7 Limited Partnership, Wisconsin RSA # 8 Limited Partnership, a Delaware corporation, with its office at One Allied Drive, Little Rock, AK, 72202 collectively referred to as the "Carrier". Carrier and Frontier may also be referred to herein collectively as the "Parties" and singularly as a "Party".

**WITNESSETH:**

Frontier is an authorized telecommunications carrier engaged in providing 2-way telecommunications service in the state identified in the Attachment(s); and

Carrier is an authorized telecommunications carrier by radio engaged in providing mobile radio telecommunications service in the state identified in the Attachment(s); and

Frontier and Carrier desire to interconnect their facilities and interchange traffic for the provision of telecommunications service pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 251(a) (2);

In consideration of their mutual agreements, Frontier and Carrier agree as follows:

**SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS**

For purposes of this Agreement, the following definitions will apply:

**ACCESS TANDEM** -- Frontier's switching system that provides a traffic concentration and distribution function for traffic originating from or terminating to End Offices in the access area.

**AUTOMATIC NUMBER IDENTIFICATION ("ANI")** -- The automatic identification of the calling station.

**CARRIER'S PREMISES** -- A location designated by the Carrier for the purposes of originating or terminating services provided by Frontier.

**CARRIER'S SYSTEM** -- The communications system of Carrier used to furnish public mobile services.

**CENTRAL OFFICE PREFIX (NXX Code)** -- The first three digits of the seven-digit directory number and associated block of 10,000 numbers for use in accordance with the North American Dialing Plan.

**END OFFICE** -- The Frontier central office trunking/switching entity where telephone loops are terminated for purposes of interconnection to each other and to the network.

**LOCAL TRAFFIC OR INTRAMTA TRAFFIC** - is that telecommunications traffic, which originates and terminates, within the same MTA as defined in 47 C.F.R. § 24.202(a). For purposes of determining whether traffic originates and terminates within the same MTA, and therefore whether the traffic is local, the location of the End Office serving the landline end user and the location of the cell site that serves the mobile end user at the beginning of the call shall be used. This definition of Local Traffic will not be deemed to affect the right of either Party to bill its own end-users its own charges for any such call, nor its right to reciprocal compensation, as defined in Section 51.701 of the FCC Rules.

**MAJOR TRADING AREA** -- The Major Trading Area ("MTA") is defined as the local calling scope for interconnection and is based on the Rand McNally 1992 Commercial Atlas & Marketing Guide, 123<sup>rd</sup> Edition, at pages 38-39, with the exceptions contained in Section 24.202(a) of the Rules of the Federal Communications Commission.

**LAND-TO-MOBILE DIRECTION** -- Calls from landline customers to Carrier's System. Also referred to as land-to-mobile.

**POINT OF INTERCONNECTION (POI)** -- Point of Interconnection means the physical location(s) at which the Parties' networks meet for the purpose of establishing interconnection.

**SERVICE AREA** -- Service Area is defined as the geographic area in which Carrier is authorized by the FCC to provide services.

**MOBILE-TO-LAND DIRECTION** -- Calls from Carrier's Premises to landline customers. Also referred to as mobile-to-land.

**TRANSPORT** - the transmission and any necessary tandem switching by a Party of Local Traffic from the point of interconnection between the Parties, which point may be via the transit services provided by another carrier, to the terminating Frontier's end-office switch or functionally equivalent facility that directly serves the called party.

**TYPE 1 INTERCONNECTION** -- The connection between Carrier's system and a Frontier End Office. Type 1 Interconnection provide the same access that is available to Frontier end-users, e.g., access to Frontier's directory assistance, operator services, 911/E-911, intra- and interLATA calling, Service Area Codes (e.g., 800, 900), interexchange carrier codes (e.g., 950, 10XXX), and international calling.

**TYPE 2A INTERCONNECTION** -- The connection between Carrier's System and a Frontier Access Tandem switch. Type 2A interconnection provides connectivity to all Frontier's End Offices subtending the tandem.

**TYPE 2B INTERCONNECTION** -- A high-usage connection between Carrier's System and a Frontier's End Office. A Type 2B interconnection is an interconnection between the Wireless MTSO and the ILEC's End Office only. It does not include Extended Area Service (EAS) calling, nor does it allow for County-Wide calling. Frontier will not complete any call to customers not served by the specified Frontier End Office in the attached Service Attachment for Type 2B and will not originate any calls from customers not served by the Frontier End Office. Type 2B also provides connection between Carrier's System and a Frontier's End Office subtending a non - Frontier's tandem.

**WIRELESS CARRIER** -- Telecommunications common carrier authorized by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) under FCC rules Part 22 (47 CFR Part 22), Part 24 (47 CFR Part 24), and Part 90 (47 CFR Part 90) which utilizes radio as the principal means of connecting its end-user subscribers with the Public Switched Telephone Network.

## **SECTION 2. INTERCONNECTION**

2.1 Subject to the applicable interconnection rules and regulations, Frontier will provide to Carrier, upon request, those facilities and arrangements described herein and in the Attachments hereto to establish the physical interconnection and interchange of traffic provided for herein and such other facilities Carrier may require and request for operation of its system.

2.2 All directly interchanged traffic will be handled over direct interconnecting facilities as described herein. The type of direct interconnections offered under this Agreement are designated as Type 2A, and Type 2B and Type 1, as defined in Section 1.

- 2.2.1 When Carrier has a Type 2A direct connection to a Frontier tandem and, based upon traffic exchanged during the busy hour in centum call seconds (CCS), a DS1's worth (512 CCS) of Local Traffic is exchanged between the Parties' POI and a Frontier End Office at least 15 times per month or 8 times per day, Frontier may request Carrier to order a two-way Type 2B direct trunk.
- 2.2.2 A Type 2B direct trunk established pursuant to Section 2.2.1. shall run between the Carrier's System and the Frontier End Office at which the 512 CCS worth of traffic is being exchanged, and overflow to an associated Type 2A trunk group (also referred to as the "alternate final" route).
- 2.2.3 Whenever a two-way Type 2B direct trunk is established between the Parties, all traffic delivered between the Parties that Carrier terminates, or Frontier originates, at the connected Frontier End Office shall be delivered to the other over the Type 2B trunk or an alternate final route if designated on the ASR sent by the Carrier.
- 2.2.4 Establishment of a two-way Type 2B direct trunk is subject to mutually acceptable Type 2B Reciprocal Compensation which shall be included in an appropriate "Service Attachment – Type 2B"

2.3 Alternatively if Carrier provides service using an NPA-NXX assigned solely to a non-Frontier rate center where Frontier provides EAS or a Commission approved optional calling plan and Carrier chooses to indirectly interconnect by using the tandem switching facilities of a third party for the point of interconnection, each Party shall reciprocally terminate on its network Local Traffic originating from the other Party's network. Consistent with Frontier's current practice with Carrier, either Party's Local Traffic may be routed through one or more intermediaries for interconnection with the other Party's system and, unless a direct connection is separately negotiated pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, shall transit a tandem switch before reaching Frontier's End Office, and will be subject to Reciprocal Compensation and/or third party transiting fees based on Section 4, Charges for Facilities and Arrangements.

2.3.1 When Carrier indirectly interconnects with a Frontier End Office and Local Traffic is exchanged between the Parties, the Parties agree to establish a direct two-way Type 2B trunk if the traffic exchanged during the busy hour in centum call seconds (CCS) reaches a DS1level (512 CCS) at least 15 times per month or 8 times per day. During peak seasonal calling periods or times of crisis the Parties agree to work together to determine if direct two-way facilities are required.

2.4 Carrier may request activation/addition of new locations under the terms and conditions of this Agreement at any time during the term by submitting a request for interconnection to Frontier's Interconnection organization. Frontier will provide an amended Service Attachment to reflect activation or addition of new locations. The Service Attachment will be signed by Frontier's authorized representative and Carrier's authorized representative, affixed to this Agreement, and thereby being made a wholly part and subject to this Agreement. To the extent that any of the Service Attachments may be inconsistent with or in conflict with this Agreement, the Agreement will prevail.

## 2.5 Signaling Systems and Administration

2.5.1 The Parties will, where Frontier has the capability, interconnect their networks using SS7 signaling associated with all interconnection trunk groups as defined in Telcordia GR-246 "Bell Communications Research Specification of Signaling Systems 7 (SS7) and GR-905, "Common Channel Signaling Network Interface Specification (CCSNIS) Supporting Interconnection, Message Transfer Part (MTP), and Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) User Part (ISUP) "including ISDN User Part

("ISUP") for trunk signaling and Transaction Capabilities Application Part ("TCAP") for CCS-based features in the interconnection of their networks provided use of SS7 signaling allows for measurement of land to mobile and mobile to land traffic.. For glare resolution, Frontier will have priority on odd trunk group member circuit identification codes, and carrier will have priority on even trunk group member circuit identification codes, unless otherwise mutually agreed.

2.6 The terms and conditions of this Agreement will prevail over and supersede any other conflicting rates, terms and conditions contained on Carrier's purchase order for services provided under this Agreement.

2.7 At Carrier's request, Frontier and Carrier will physically interconnect their facilities at Frontier's office or another mutually agreed to POI, and interchange traffic originating and/or terminating on Carrier's System in connection with Carrier's Authorized Services; such interconnection will be in accordance with the service, operating and facility arrangements set forth hereinafter.

## 2.8 Sizing and Structure of Interconnection Facilities

2.8.1 The Parties will mutually agree on the appropriate sizing for facilities based on the standards set forth below. The capacity of interconnection facilities provided by each Party will be based on mutual forecasts and sound engineering practice, as mutually agreed to by the Parties.

2.8.2 The electrical interface at Points of Interconnections (POIs) will be DS1 or DS3 as mutually agreed to by the Parties. When a DS3 interface is agreed to by the Parties, Frontier will provide any multiplexing required for DS1 facilities or trunking at their end and Carrier will provide any DS1 multiplexing required for facilities or trunking at their end. Frontier will charge DS3/DS1 multiplexing charges according to Frontier FCC #1 Tariff.

2.8.3 Frontier and Carrier will engineer all Traffic Exchange Trunks using a network loss plan conforming to ANSI T1.508-1998 and ANSI T1.508-1998 Supplement A.

2.9 Where additional equipment is required, such equipment would be obtained, engineered, and installed on the same basis and with the same intervals as any similar growth job for Carriers, or Frontier internal customer demand.

## 2.10 Trunk Forecasting

2.10.1 The Parties will work towards the development of joint forecasting responsibilities for traffic utilization over interconnection trunk groups covered in this contract. Orders for trunks that exceed forecasted quantities for forecasted locations will be accommodated as facilities and/or equipment becomes available. Parties will make all reasonable efforts and cooperate in good faith to develop alternative solutions to accommodate orders when facilities are not available. Inter-company forecast information must be provided by the Parties to each other upon reasonable request. Frontier's preference is a semi-annual forecast covering the following 24-month period.

## 2.11 Grade of Service

2.11.1 Each Party will provision their interconnecting network facilities to provide a P.01 grade of service.

2.11.2 The characteristics and methods of operation of any circuits, facilities or equipment of either Party connected with the services, facilities or equipment of the other Party pursuant to this Agreement shall not interfere with or impair service over any facilities of the other Party, its affiliated companies, or its connecting and concurring carriers involved in its services, cause damage to their plant, violate any applicable law or regulation regarding the invasion of privacy of any communications carried

over the Party's facilities or create hazards to the employees of either Party or to the public (each hereinafter referred to as an "Impairment of Service").

2.11.3 Each Party will advise the other of any critical nature of the in-operative facilities, service, and arrangements and any need for expedited clearance of trouble. In cases where a Party has indicated the essential or critical need for restoration of the facilities, services or arrangements, the other Party will use its best efforts to expedite the clearance of trouble.

### **SECTION 3. USE OF FACILITIES AND SERVICES**

3.1 The interconnecting facilities will be used only for the handling of interchanged traffic originating or terminating on Carrier's System in connection with Carrier's Authorized Services. Such facilities may, however, be used for any lawful use. This Agreement is applicable only to Frontier's Local serving areas, within Carrier's MTA, Frontier will not be responsible for interconnections or contracts relating to Carrier's interconnection with any other LEC.

3.2 Connecting circuits, facilities and arrangements provided pursuant to this Agreement will not be used, switched or otherwise connected together by Carrier for the provision of through calling from a landline telephone to another landline telephone or from a landline telephone to an Internet Service Provider. The only exception is when Carrier's end-user "call forwards" to a landline telephone.

3.3 Connecting circuits, facilities and arrangements provided to Carrier by Frontier will not be used knowingly for any purpose or in any manner, directly or indirectly, in violation of law or in aid of any unlawful act or undertaking.

3.4 When needed and upon request by Carrier, special construction will be undertaken in accordance with the applicable Frontier tariff or as mutually negotiated by the Parties.

3.5 When Carrier orders a Type 1 interconnection, Carrier will be provided telephone numbers in initial and incremental blocks. In order to reserve specific numbers, Carrier will furnish to Frontier its number requirements for planning purposes. Within the number blocks assigned, the assignment and use of such numbers by Carrier for its subscribers for its Authorized Services will be the responsibility of Carrier subject to applicable law. Reserved number blocks will be reserved for a maximum of six (6) months from the request, and will be returned to general availability at such time. Carrier will provide periodic forecasts of number and facility requirements upon reasonable request by Frontier (maximum of two (2) times per year). The forecast will be updated annually or as mutually agreed.

3.6 Any other provision of this Agreement notwithstanding, Frontier will recognize, deliver traffic to, accept traffic from, and otherwise honor the validity of any NXX assigned to Carrier by a third party in accordance with 47 USC Section 251(e) (or related FCC or state number administration rules).

#### **3.7 Network Harm**

3.7.1 Neither Party will use any service related to or use any of the services provided in this Agreement in any manner that interferes with third parties in the use of their service, prevents third parties from using their service, impairs the quality of service to other carriers or to either Party's Customers; causes electrical hazards to either Party's personnel, damage to either Party's equipment or malfunction of either Party's billing equipment (individually and collectively, "Network Harm"). If a Network Harm will occur or if a Party reasonably determines that a Network Harm is imminent, such Party will, where practicable, notify the other Party that temporary discontinuance or refusal of service may be required; provided, however, wherever prior notice is not practicable, such Party may temporarily discontinue or refuse service forthwith, if such action is reasonable under the circumstances. In case of such temporary discontinuance or refusal, such Party will:

- (a) Promptly notify the other Party of such temporary discontinuance or refusal;

- (b) Afford the other Party the opportunity to correct the situation which gave rise to such temporary discontinuance or refusal; and
- (c) Inform the other Party of its right to bring a complaint to the Commission or FCC.

3.8 Frontier and Carrier each may make reasonable tests and inspections of its facilities and may, upon notice and coordination with the other, temporarily interrupt the facilities being tested or inspected, so long as impairment or restriction of the operation of facilities is minimized. When cooperative testing is requested by either Party, such testing will be done in accordance with this Section 3

3.9 The characteristics and methods of operation of any circuits, facilities or equipment of either Party connected with the services, facilities or equipment of the other Party pursuant to this Agreement will not interfere with or impair service over any facilities of either Party, its Affiliates, or its connecting and concurring carriers involved in its services, cause damage to their plant, invade the privacy of any communications carried over either Party's facilities or create hazards to the employees of any of them or to the public.

3.10 Carrier will be solely responsible, at its expense, for the overall design of its services and for any redesigning or rearrangement of its services which may be required because of changes in facilities, operations or procedures of Frontier, minimum network protection criteria, operating or maintenance characteristics of the facilities.

3.11 Mobile customers of Carrier will be instructed to report all cases of trouble to Carrier. In order to facilitate trouble reporting and to coordinate the repair of service provided to Carrier by Frontier under this Agreement, "Frontier 24-Hour Repair Center" will provide 24-hour trouble reporting for Carrier.

3.11.1 Where new facilities, services and arrangements are installed, Frontier, via the NOC, will ensure that continuity has been established and that appropriate transmission measurements have been made before advising Carrier that the new circuit is ready for service.

3.11.2 Frontier will furnish a trouble reporting telephone number for the designated NOC. See Attachment 1. This number will give Carrier access to the location where its facility records are normally located and where current status reports on any trouble reports are readily available. Alternative out-of-hours procedures will be established to ensure access by Carrier to a location which is staffed and has the authority to initiate corrective action.

3.11.3 Before Carrier reports a trouble condition, it will use its commercially reasonable efforts to isolate the trouble to Frontier's facilities.

3.11.4 In cases where a trouble condition adversely affects Carrier's service, Frontier will give Carrier the same priority extended to other telephone companies.

3.11.5 Frontier and Carrier will cooperate in isolating the trouble.

3.12 Trunking arrangements shall be established as follows:

3.12.1 Separate trunk groups for the exchange of Local Traffic.

3.12.2 Separate trunk groups to be used solely for the transmission and routing of Exchange Access Services to enable Interexchange Carriers to originate and terminate traffic from/to Carrier.

3.12.3 Where applicable, separate trunks connecting Carrier's switch to Frontier E911 routers. If Carrier purchases such services from Frontier, they will be provided at full applicable tariff rates. For all 911/E911 traffic originating from Carrier, it is the responsibility of Carrier and the appropriate state or local public safety answering agency to negotiate the manner in which 911/E911 traffic from Carrier will be processed.



## **SECTION 4. CHARGES FOR FACILITIES AND ARRANGEMENTS**

- 4.1 Reciprocal Termination Charges. The delivery and termination of Local Traffic between the Parties for both direct interconnection and indirect interconnection through the tandem facilities of third parties shall be reciprocal and compensation will be mutual as reflected in the Service Attachment to this Agreement. This form of reciprocal termination charging is a usage-sensitive in which each party assesses the other usage-sensitive charges for the termination of traffic on each other's system. Reciprocal Termination Charges are assessed on a per minute basis. The Service Attachment to this Agreement reflects the selection by the Parties.
- 4.2 Reciprocal Transport Charges. Each Party is solely responsible for the provision of transport facilities necessary for the carriage of interchanged traffic between the Point of Interconnection and points within its own network and for all costs of delivering traffic to the Point of Interconnection; provided, however, that Frontier shall have no responsibility for delivering traffic to a Point of Interconnection located at any point outside of a Frontier local exchange area or boundary.
- 4.3 Each Party will charge and collect from the other Party appropriate federal, state and local taxes. Where a Party notifies the other Party and provides appropriate documentation that such Party qualifies for partial or full exemption, then the billing Party will not collect such taxes from the other Party.
- 4.4 In the absence of an agreement between Carrier, Frontier and other local exchange carriers in the MTA in which Carrier's System is located, Frontier has no obligation to deliver calls in the MOBILE-TO-LAND DIRECTION to points in the MTA in which Carrier's System is located that are beyond Frontier's local exchange areas, at rates set forth in the Service Attachment(s) to this Agreement.
- 4.5 Billing by either Party for calls to be terminated on its own network will begin at trunk seizure and will end at time of call disconnect.
- 4.6 Minutes of use, or fractions thereof, are accumulated over the billing period. Fractions of minutes are rounded up monthly to the nearest whole minute for total minutes for each End Office for billing purposes.
- 4.7 For the purpose of this Agreement, the Parties, when the necessary facilities are deployed, agree to utilize industry standard technical arrangements enabling each Party to provide the other Party with all electronic signaling data necessary to bill terminating traffic, including but not limited to ANI.
- 4.8 When measurement capabilities are available, Frontier will record its terminating minutes of use for all calls received from Carrier and terminated to Citizen's end users.
- 4.8.1 When measurement capabilities are not available in a Frontier's End Office or Access Tandem, minutes of use from the prior period's billing will be used. In the event prior billing records are not available to Frontier, the Parties agree to negotiate in good faith a reasonable amount of assumed minutes and bill based on the traffic factors established in 4.9.3 below.
- 4.8.2 To the extent Carrier is unable to bill Frontier for actual usage charges, Carrier shall inform Frontier that the calculation of land-to-mobile usage will be based upon the actual mobile-to-land usage in a given month divided by the Mobile-to-Land Factor with the resulting total multiplied by the Land-to-Mobile Factor.
- 4.8.3 Carrier shall assume 70% ownership of the minutes exchanged between the Parties as referenced in 4.1 above. Frontier shall assume 30% ownership of the minutes exchanged

between the Parties as reference in 4.1 above. This assumed ownership results in a Mobile-to-Land Factor of 70% and a Land-to-Mobile Factor of 30%

4.9 Where Carrier interconnects with Frontier by purchasing facilities from Frontier and these facilities are used for two-way Traffic, the applicable recurring charges for such facilities to Carrier's POI on Frontier System, may be reduced by the following fixed percentage. (For example, this situation will occur if the POI for Frontier to Carrier Traffic is at the boundary of Frontier territory and the POI for Carrier to Frontier is at the Frontier switch.)

4.9.1 Carrier shall pay 70% of the recurring two-way facility.

4.10 Each Service Attachment shall reflect which method of compensation will be used (i.e. actual minutes, assumed minutes, trunk signaling, or other special arrangements).

4.11 Transit Service. "Transit Service" means the delivery of certain traffic between Carrier and a third party ILEC, CLEC or CMRS provider by Frontier over the Telephone Exchange Service trunks where Telephone Exchange Service trunks exist between Carrier and a third party through a Frontier tandem. The following traffic types will be delivered: (i) Local Traffic or IntraLATA Toll originated from Carrier to such LEC and (ii) Local IntraLATA traffic originated from such LEC and terminated to Carrier where Frontier carries such traffic.

4.11.1 The Parties shall compensate each other for Transit Service as follows:

4.11.1.1 The originating Party shall pay to the transiting Party a transit service charge as set forth in the Attachments.

4.11.1.2 Each Party acknowledges that the transiting Party does not have any responsibility to pay any charges for termination of any transit traffic originating from a non-Party's network.

4.12 NON-LOCAL TELECOMMUNICATION TRAFFIC.

4.12.1 The Parties contemplate that they may exchange non-Local Telecommunications traffic over the interconnection facilities provided for under this Agreement. Charges for the transport and termination of non-local interMTA traffic shall be in accordance with the Parties' respective intrastate or interstate access tariffs or other applicable access rates, as appropriate. The Parties will develop an initial factor representative of the share of total mobile to land traffic exchanged over the interconnection facilities that is exempt from local compensation. The Parties have agreed upon the InterMTA factor specified below, which represents the percent of total minutes to be billed access charges and shall be used until revised by mutual agreement. The Parties agree to review the percentage on a periodic basis and, if warranted by the actual usage, revise the percentage appropriately.

4.12.2 The Parties agree to utilize the InterMTA factor for mobile to land traffic and in the event Carrier decides to send mobile to mobile InterMTA traffic over the interconnection facilities, the Parties will agree to negotiate a factor to include such traffic.

4.12.3 InterMTA Factor will be 5 %.

## **SECTION 5. BILLING & PAYMENTS**

5.1 In consideration of the services provided by Frontier/Frontier under this Agreement, Carrier shall pay the charges set forth in this Agreement and in applicable tariffs. In consideration of the services

provided by Carrier under this Agreement, Frontier/Frontier shall pay the charges set forth in this Agreement and in applicable tariffs. Invoices with charges set forth in this Agreement and in applicable tariffs shall be sent to:

To Carrier:

ALLTEL  
Attention: Wholesale Expense Verification  
One Allied Drive  
1269-B4F05-SC  
Little Rock, AR 72202

To Frontier/Frontier:

Frontier, A Citizens Communications Company  
Attention: Access Verification  
14500 Burnhaven Dr. Suite 193  
Burnsville, MN 55306

5.2 A monthly billing statement with a consistent, regular bill date shall be prepared by both Parties and will reflect the calculation of (i) reciprocal compensation due each Party and (ii) transit service compensation due Frontier/Frontier, and (iii) any other tariffed or contracted service due each Party. All bills dated as set forth above will be due thirty (30) days after the bill date or by the next bill date (i.e., the same date in the following month as the bill date), whichever is the shortest interval, except as provided herein, and are payable in immediately available funds. If such payment date would cause payment to be due on a Saturday, Sunday or Legal Holiday, payment for such bills will be due on the last business day preceding the Saturday, Sunday or Legal Holiday. If such bills are not received at least twenty (20) days prior to the payment due date, then the bill(s) shall be considered delayed. When a bill has been delayed, the due date will be extended by the number of days the bill was delayed, upon request of the receiving Party.

5.2.1 Parties will compensate each other on verifiable records of actual usage.

5.3 Billing: The Parties agree that disputed and undisputed amounts due under this Agreement shall be handled as follows:

5.3.1 If any portion of an amount due to a Party (the "Billing Party") under this Agreement is subject to a bona fide dispute between the Parties, the Party billed (the Billed Party) shall within thirty (30) days of its receipt of the invoice containing such a disputed amount give written notice to the Billing Party of the amount it disputes ("Disputed Amounts") and include in such notice the specific details and reasons for disputing each item. The Billed Party shall pay when due all undisputed amounts to the Billing Party, and shall include a copy of the dispute with the payment of the undisputed amount.

5.3.2 In the event that a billing dispute is resolved in favor of the Billed Party, any payment of the disputed amount withheld pending settlement of the dispute shall not be subject to the late payment penalty.

5.3.3 In the event that a billing dispute is resolved in favor of the Billing Party, any payments withheld pending settlement of the dispute will be subject to the late payment penalty set forth in 5.3.4 following.

5.3.4 Undisputed amounts shall be paid when due as set forth in Section 5.2 above. If any portion of the payment is received by the Billing Party in funds that are not immediately available to the Billing Party, a late payment penalty shall be due to the Billing Party. The late payment penalty shall be 1.5% per month or 18% annually, or the maximum allowed by law, whichever is less.

5.4 Both Parties shall use the Dispute Resolutions Procedures as described in Section 17.

5.5 In consideration of the services provided under this Agreement, the Parties shall pay the charges set forth in this Agreement and applicable tariffs. Any service provided, that is not identified in agreement will be governed by applicable tariffs.

## **SECTION 6. ALLOWANCE FOR INTERRUPTIONS**

6.1 When use of the facilities furnished by either Party to the other Party in accordance with this Agreement is interrupted due to trouble in such facilities and such interruption is not caused by the interrupted Party, any contractor or supplier of the interrupted Party or its customer, the interrupted Party will, upon request, be allowed a credit as follows:

6.2 The amount of credit to Carrier will be an amount equal to the pro rata monthly charge for the period during which the facility affected by the interruption is out of service.

6.3 Claims for reimbursement will be made in writing within sixty (60) calendar days of the occurrence. All credit for interruption will begin from the time of actual notice by the interrupted Party to the other Party, in accordance with Section 15 following, that an interruption of use has occurred. No credit will be allowed for an amount of less than five dollars (\$5).

6.4 A credit will not be applicable for any period during which the interrupted Party fails to afford access to the facilities furnished by the other Party for the purpose of investigating and clearing troubles.

## **SECTION 7. AUDIT**

Either Party may, upon written notice to the other Party, conduct an audit, during normal business hours, only on the source data/documents as they may contain information bearing upon the services being provided under the terms and conditions of this Agreement. An audit may be conducted no more frequently than once per 12-month period, and only to verify the other Party's compliance with provisions of this Agreement. The notice requesting an audit must identify the date upon which it is requested to commence, the estimated duration, the materials to be reviewed, and the number of individuals who will be performing the audit. Each audit will be conducted expeditiously. Any audit is to be performed as follows: (i) following at least 45 days prior written notice to the audited Party; (ii) subject to the reasonable scheduling requirements, during ordinary business hours, and limitations of the audited Party; (iii) at the auditing Party's sole cost and expense; (iv) of a reasonable scope and duration; (v) in a manner so as not to interfere with the audited Party's business operations. Any other provision of this Section 7 notwithstanding, each Party shall have the right to audit only such data and records as are available in (or reproducible on) paper or other tangible (non-electronic) medium, and neither Party may have access to the other Party's electronic records without the other's prior written consent.

## **SECTION 8. TERM AND TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT**

8.1 This Agreement will become effective upon the first business day following the date this Agreement has been approved by the applicable regulatory authority or authorities and will continue for a period of one (1) year unless terminated earlier under the conditions set forth in this Section. This Agreement will be automatically renewed for successive periods of six (6) months after the initial term unless either Party provides the other Party with no less than ninety (90) day's prior, written notification of, in the case of Frontier, its intent to terminate this Agreement, or, in the case of either Party, its desire to renegotiate at the end of the initial or any successive period. During any such renegotiation, the rates, terms and conditions of this Agreement will remain in effect until the effective date of the renegotiated agreement.

8.2 The date when the facilities and arrangements furnished under this Agreement will be placed into service will be mutually agreed upon by the Parties, subject to applicable state regulatory approvals. If service is not established by such date, or in the event Carrier ceases to engage in the business of providing public land mobile radio service, either Party may terminate this Agreement on thirty (30) calendar days notice subject, however, to payment for facilities or arrangements provided or for costs incurred. Frontier will consult with Carrier prior to termination by Frontier.

8.3 This Agreement will immediately terminate upon the suspension, revocation or termination by other means of either Party's authority to provide communications services over its System.

8.4 This Agreement may be terminated at any time by either Party upon not less than thirty (30) calendar days notice, providing an opportunity to cure, to the other Party as set forth in Section 15 following, for material breach or failure to pay the other Party all undisputed charges on the dates or at the times specified in the applicable invoice for the facilities and services furnished pursuant to this Agreement.

8.5 If a dispute arises between the Parties as to the proper charges for the facilities or arrangements furnished, or any other financial arrangements, the failure to pay an amount in dispute will not constitute cause for termination of this Agreement provided that a bond or escrow account (or other security arrangement reasonably acceptable to both Parties) is made for the security of the amount in dispute. The continuation of such dispute will not be deemed cause for Frontier to refuse to furnish additional facilities or arrangements upon reasonable request of Carrier or otherwise relieve the Parties of their obligation to fully comply with the provisions hereof as to which no dispute exists, provided financial security for payment of the amount in dispute has been made as stated above. Any dispute arising as to the security arrangement under this Section 8.5 will be subject to the dispute resolution provisions of Section 17 below.

8.6 Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Agreement, this Agreement may be terminated at any time as mutually agreed by the Parties.

## **SECTION 9. CONFIDENTIALITY AND PUBLICITY**

9.1 All proprietary or confidential information ("Proprietary Information") disclosed by either Party during the negotiations and the term of this Agreement will be protected by both Parties in accordance with the terms of this Section 9.

9.2 As used in this Agreement, the term "Proprietary Information" will mean written, recorded, machine readable or other information provided in tangible form to one Party by the other Party regarding the above referenced subject matter and which is marked proprietary or confidential with the appropriate owner corporation name, e.g., "Frontier Proprietary". Information disclosed orally will not be considered proprietary unless such information is reduced to writing by the disclosing Party and a copy is delivered to the other Party within thirty (30) business days after such oral disclosure. The writing will also state the place, date and person(s) to whom disclosure was made.

9.3 Each Party agrees that it will not disclose any Proprietary Information of the other Party in whole or in part, including derivations, to any third party for a period of three (3) years from the date of

disclosure unless the Parties agree to modify this Agreement to provide for a different nondisclosure period for specific materials. Neither Party will be liable for inadvertent or accidental disclosure of Proprietary Information of the other Party provided that:

- (i) each Party uses at least the same degree of care in safeguarding such Proprietary Information as it uses for its own proprietary information of like importance and such degree of care will be reasonably calculated to prevent such inadvertent disclosure;
- (ii) it limits access to such Proprietary Information to its employees, attorneys and agents who are directly involved in the consideration of the Proprietary Information and informs its employees and agents who have access to such Proprietary Information of its duty not to disclose; and
- (iii) upon discovery of any such inadvertent disclosure of Proprietary Information, it will endeavor to prevent any further inadvertent disclosure.

9.4 Information will not be deemed proprietary and the receiving Party will have no obligation with respect to any such information which:

- (i) is or becomes publicly known through no wrongful act, fault or negligence of the receiving Party; or
- (ii) was known by the receiving Party or by any other affiliate or subsidiary of the receiving Party prior to disclosure, or is at any time developed by the receiving Party independently of any such disclosure; or
- (iii) was disclosed to the receiving Party by a third party who was free of obligations of confidentiality to the disclosing Party; or
- (iv) is disclosed or used by the receiving Party, not less than three (3) years following its initial disclosure or such other nondisclosure period as may be agreed in writing by the Parties; or is approved for release by written authorization of the disclosing Party; or
- (v) is disclosed pursuant to a requirement or request of a governmental agency or disclosure is required by operation of law.

9.5 Since either Party may choose not to use or announce any services, products or marketing techniques relating to these discussions or information gained or exchanged during the discussions, both Parties acknowledge that one is not responsible or liable for any business decisions made by the other in reliance upon any disclosures made during any meeting between the Parties or in reliance on any results of the discussions. The furnishing of Proprietary Information to one Party by the other Party will not obligate either Party to enter into any further agreement or negotiation with the other.

9.6 Nothing contained in this Agreement will be construed as granting to one Party a license, either express or implied, under any patent, copyright or trademark, now or hereafter owned, obtained, controlled, or which is or may be licensable by the other Party.

9.7 Except for public filings, litigation, or other administrative or judicial proceedings arising from or related to the Agreement, all publicity regarding this Agreement and its Attachments is subject to the Parties' prior written consent.

9.8 Unless otherwise agreed upon, neither Party will publish or use the other Party's name, language, pictures, or symbols from which the other Party's name may be reasonably inferred or implied in any advertising, promotion, or any other publicity matter relating directly or indirectly to this Agreement.

## **SECTION 10. LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY**

10.1 Neither Party will be liable for any act or omission of the other Party in the furnishing of that Party's service to its customers.

10.2 To the extent not prohibited by law or tariff and except as otherwise provided in the Agreement, each Party will indemnify, defend and hold harmless the other Party from any loss, cost, claim, injury or liability brought by a person not a Party under this Agreement which is proximately caused by the negligent acts or omissions or willful misconduct of the indemnifying Party or its employees, agents or contractors in connection with the performance of this Agreement. Such indemnity only extends to the comparative degree of negligence attributable to the indemnifying Party, as determined by state law negligence standards.

10.3 To the extent not prohibited by law or tariff, Frontier will reimburse Carrier for damages to premises or equipment of Carrier resulting from the installation or removal of facilities, services or arrangements by Frontier and/or its employees or agents on such premises if predominately caused by the sole or comparative negligence or willful misconduct of Frontier, its employees or agents.

10.4 Carrier will reimburse Frontier for damages to facilities of Frontier provided under this Agreement if caused by the negligence or willful act of Carrier or due to malfunction of any facilities or equipment provided to Carrier by an entity, other than Frontier. Frontier will cooperate with Carrier in prosecuting a claim against the person causing such damage and Carrier will be subrogated to Citizens right to recover for the damages to the extent of such payment.

10.5 Each Party will reimburse the other Party for any loss through theft of facilities provided under this Agreement on such Party's premises attributable to the reimbursing Party's actions (or to that of its agents or employees), except to the extent that such loss is due to the other Party's comparative negligence.

10.6 The Parties will cooperate with each other in the defense of any suit, claim or demand by third persons against either or both of them arising out of the connection arrangements and interchange of traffic including, without limitation, Workers Compensation claims, actions for infringement of copyright and/or unauthorized use of program material, libel and slander actions based on the content of communications.

10.7 Neither Party will be required to reimburse the other for any claim or loss pursuant to this Section 10 arising out of a single incident, where the amount in controversy is less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

## **SECTION 11. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

11.1 Frontier and Carrier will each defend, indemnify, hold harmless the other Party and/or acquire any license or right for the benefit of the other Party, arising from any claim, demand or proceeding (hereinafter "Claim") by any third party alleging or asserting that the use of any circuit, apparatus, or system, or other facilities, or the use of any software, or the performance of any service or method, or the provision or use of any facilities by either Frontier or Carrier under this Agreement constitutes direct or contributory infringement, or misuse or misappropriation of any patent, copyright, trademark, trade secret, or any other proprietary or intellectual property right of any third party. Each Party's indemnification obligation will be to the extent of infringement by the indemnifying Party

11.2 Nothing in this Agreement will be construed as the grant of a license by, or the creation of an estoppel against, Frontier, either express or implied, with respect to any patent, copyright, trademark, trade secret or any other proprietary or intellectual property right now or hereafter owned, controlled or licensable by Frontier, except to the extent necessary for Carrier to use any facilities or equipment (including software) or to receive any service provided by Frontier under this Agreement.

## **SECTION 12. DISCLAIMER OF WARRANTIES**

12.1 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS AGREEMENT (INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION THE PARTIES' RESPECTIVE INDEMNIFICATION OBLIGATIONS), THE PARTIES AGREE THAT FRONTIER HAS NOT MADE, AND THAT THERE EXISTS, NO WARRANTY, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, THAT THE USE BY CARRIER OF FACILITIES, ARRANGEMENTS, OR SERVICES PROVIDED BY FRONTIER UNDER THIS AGREEMENT WILL NOT GIVE RISE TO A CLAIM BY ANY THIRD PARTY OF INFRINGEMENT, MISUSE, OR MISAPPROPRIATION OF ANY INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHT OF SUCH THIRD PARTY.

12.2 FRONTIER WILL PROVIDE INTERCONNECTION TO CARRIER OF A QUALITY AND IN A DILIGENT MANNER CONSISTENT WITH SERVICE FRONTIER PROVIDES TO ITS CUSTOMERS AND OTHER INTERCONNECTORS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE TECHNICAL STANDARDS FOR INTERCONNECTION SERVICES ESTABLISHED IN THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY. FRONTIER MAKES NO OTHER WARRANTY, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, WITH RESPECT TO TRANSMISSION, EQUIPMENT OR SERVICE PROVIDED HEREUNDER, AND EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMS ANY WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR ANY PARTICULAR PURPOSE.

12.3 It is the express intent of the Parties that each Party be solely responsible for all claims of its end-users, including, without limitation, any credits or adjustments that may be issued or required to be issued to its end-users, except to the extent such claims are found to be caused by the other Party's gross negligence or willful misconduct.

12.4 Except for allowance of interruptions as set forth in Section 5, in no event will either Party be liable to the other Party for incidental, special, or consequential damages, loss of goodwill, anticipated profit, or other claims for indirect or special damages in any manner related to this Agreement or the services even if such Party was advised of the possibility of such damages, and whether or not such damages were foreseeable or not at the time this Agreement was executed.

## **SECTION 13. RECORD RETENTION**

13.1 All data associated with the provision and receipt of Service(s) pursuant to this Agreement will be maintained for the greater of:

- (i) the retention time required by law for maintaining Federal, State, and Local tax information;
- (ii) the retention time required by law or regulation in order to substantiate or reconstruct an End-User invoice; and
- (iii) the retention time currently used by Frontier for its billing information or Carrier for its own billing information, in compliance with legal or regulatory requirements; or
- (iv) the retention time as agreed to by both Parties in writing.

13.2 Either Party will, upon reasonable request, furnish copies or otherwise make available to the other Party its licenses and other federal and, if applicable, state regulatory authorizations.

## **SECTION 14. AMENDMENTS; WAIVERS**

14.1 This Agreement may be amended only by written agreement signed by authorized representatives of both Parties.



14.2 No waiver of any provisions of this Agreement and no consent to any default under this Agreement will be effective unless the same is in writing and signed by or on behalf of the Party against whom such waiver or consent is claimed.

14.3 No course of dealing or failure of either Party to strictly enforce any term, covenant or condition of this Agreement in any one or more instances will be construed as a waiver or relinquishment of any such terms, covenants or conditions, but the same will be and will remain in full force and effect.

## **SECTION 15. NOTICES AND DEMANDS**

15.1 All notices, demands or requests which may be given by any Party to the other Party under this Agreement (other than Trouble reports and Notice of Interruption pursuant to Sections 3 and 5) are to be in writing (or made electronically, followed by written confirmation thereof) and will be deemed to have been duly delivered on the date delivered in person or three (3) business days after the date deposited, postage prepaid, in the United States Mail via certified mail return receipt requested, or the day after delivery to an overnight courier and addressed as follows:

For Carrier.

Staff Manager - Interconnection Services  
One Allied Drive  
1269-B4F04-NB  
Little Rock, AR 72202  
Telephone: (501) 905-1484

and to Frontier, addressed as follows:

Frontier, A Citizens Communications Company  
180 South Clinton Avenue  
Rochester, New York 14646  
Telephone: (585) 777-7124  
Fax: (585) 424-1196

15.2 If personal delivery is selected as the method of giving notice under this Section, a receipt of such delivery will be obtained.

15.3 The address to which such notices, demands, requests, elections or other communications may be given by either Party may be changed by written notice given by such Party to other Party pursuant to this Section.

## **SECTION 16. ASSIGNMENT**

Any assignment by either Party of any right, obligation or duty, in whole or in part, or of any other interest, without the written consent of the other Party will be void, except either Party may assign all or part of its rights and obligations to any legal entity which is a subsidiary or Affiliate of that Party without consent, but with written notification. For purposes of this Agreement, an "Affiliate" of a Party is any entity directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by, or under common control with said Party, and "control" means the ownership of, or the power to vote the equity securities or comparable interests of, forty percent (40%) or more the controlled entity. Such written consent to assignment to all other entities will not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. All obligations and duties of any Party under this Agreement will be binding on all successors in interest and assigns of such Party and such assignment will not waive any right or remedy available to either Party under law, regulation or this Agreement, including without limitation the right of set-off. Each Party, upon written notice to the other, may from time to time and without additional consideration add any of its future Affiliates as parties to this Agreement and the other Party shall reasonably cooperate in amending this Agreement to effect such an addition; provided, however, such addition is subject to the condition that any such added Affiliate of Frontier be an incumbent local exchange carrier and any such added Affiliate of Carrier be a Wireless Carrier.

## **SECTION 17. DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

Any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this Agreement, or the breach thereof, will be resolved by both Parties according to the procedures set forth below.

The Parties agree that in the event of a default or any other dispute arising hereunder or in connection herewith, the aggrieved Party shall first discuss the default or dispute with the other Party and seek resolution prior to taking any action before any court or regulator or before authorizing any public statement about or disclosure of the nature of the dispute to any third party. Such conferences shall if necessary be escalated to the vice presidential level for each Party. In the event that the Parties shall be unable to resolve a default or other dispute, the Parties shall then submit the matter to the PSC for non-binding mediation. If mediation by the PSC is unsuccessful, recourse may be had by either Party to the PSC, if it has jurisdiction over the breach or dispute or to an appropriate court having jurisdiction over the Parties. Each Party shall bear the cost of preparing and presenting its case through all phases of the dispute resolution procedure herein described.

#### **SECTION 18. ENTIRE AGREEMENT**

This Agreement, including the preamble and all Attachments hereto, constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties and supersedes all prior or contemporaneous oral or written agreements, representations, statements, negotiations, understandings, proposals and undertakings with respect to the subject matter hereof. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, neither Party is to be bound by any pre-printed terms appearing in the other Party's form documents, tariffs, purchase orders, quotations, acknowledgments, invoices, or other instruments. All exhibits referred to in this Agreement are incorporated herein by reference.

#### **SECTION 19. GOVERNING LAW**

This Agreement will be deemed to be a contract made under and will be construed, interpreted and enforced in accordance with the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and, to the extent federal law is inapplicable, to the laws of the State of interconnection and will be subject to the concurrent jurisdiction of the Federal Communications Commission and the courts, public service commission, and other agencies in that state.

#### **SECTION 20. EXECUTED IN COUNTERPARTS**

This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which is to be an original, but such counterparts will together constitute but one and the same document.

#### **SECTION 21. HEADINGS**

The headings and numbering of Sections and paragraphs in this Agreement are for convenience only and will not be construed to define or limit any of the terms herein or affect the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.

#### **SECTION 22. FORCE MAJEURE**

Neither Party will be held liable for any delay or failure in performance of any part of this Agreement from any cause reasonably beyond its control and without its fault or negligence, including, but not limited to, acts of God, acts of civil or military authority, government regulations or orders, embargoes, epidemics, war, terrorist acts, riots, insurrections, fires, explosions, earthquakes, nuclear accidents, floods, labor difficulties or strikes, power blackouts, unusually severe weather conditions, inability to secure products or services or other persons or transportation facilities, or acts or omissions of transportation common carriers (collectively referred to as "Force Majeure" conditions). The Party whose performance is impaired by such Force Majeure condition will exercise commercially reasonable efforts to mitigate the

effects thereof; and neither Party has any obligation to pay for any services disrupted or not provided during the period of such Force Majeure.

### **SECTION 23. REGULATORY APPROVALS**

23.1 Although this Agreement may be executed by both Parties, to the extent that any federal or state statute, order, rule or regulation or any state regulatory agency having competent jurisdiction over one or both Parties to this Agreement will require that this Agreement be approved by such regulatory agency before this Agreement may be effective, this Agreement will not be effective in such state notwithstanding the Parties' signature until the first business day after such approval has been obtained.

23.2 Each Party agrees to cooperate with each other and with any regulatory agency so that any approval necessary to provide the Service(s) under this Agreement is obtained. During the term of this Agreement, each Party agrees to continue to cooperate with each other and with any regulatory agency so that the benefits of this Agreement may be achieved.

### **SECTION 24. SEVERABILITY**

In the event that any one or more of the provisions contained herein, is, for any reason, held to be unenforceable in any respect under law or regulation, the remainder of this Agreement will not be affected thereby and will continue in full force and effect, unless removal of that provision results in a material change to this Agreement. In such a case, the Parties will negotiate in good faith for replacement language. If replacement language cannot be agreed upon, either Party may invoke the dispute resolution procedures of Section 17 foregoing.

### **SECTION 25. CONDITIONS TO INDEMNIFICATION**

Upon a request for indemnification owed by either party (the "indemnifying Party") to the other (the "indemnified Party") under this Agreement, the indemnified Party shall promptly notify the indemnifying Party of any and all threats, written claims, or demands for which indemnification is sought under this Agreement. Each Party shall cooperate fully with the other, and the indemnifying Party shall control such defense and the right to litigate, settle, appeal (provided it pays the cost of any required appeal bond), compromise or otherwise deal with any such claim or resulting judgment; provided further that such settlement, compromise or other resolution of such claim does not result in any liability to the indemnified Party. The indemnified Party shall have the right to retain to undertake its own defense or settlement of any such threat, claim or demand upon written notice to the indemnifying Party, whereupon the indemnifying Party's indemnification obligations with respect to such threat, claim or demand (but not with respect to any other) shall automatically be excused.

### **SECTION 26. NO JOINT VENTURE**

Nothing herein contained shall be construed as creating a partnership or joint venture by or between the Parties.

### **SECTION 27. REMEDIES**

Unless stated otherwise, all remedies provided for in this Agreement shall be cumulative, nonexclusive and in addition to, but not in lieu of, any other remedies available to either Party at law, in equity, or otherwise.

### **SECTION 28. TIME OF ESSENCE**

Time is of the essence of this Agreement.

### **SECTION 29. PRONOUNS**

Pronouns used herein are to be construed as masculine, feminine, or neuter, and both singular and plural, as the context may require; the term "person" includes an individual, corporation, association, partnership, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, trust, and any other organization; and the term "includes" is to be construed as without limitation.

### SECTION 30. FURTHER ASSURANCES

From and after the date of this Agreement, each of the Parties shall, from time to time, at the request of the other Party and without further consideration, do, execute and deliver, cause to be done, executed and delivered, all such further acts, things and instruments as may be reasonably requested or required more effectively to evidence and give effect to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

The Parties thereto have caused this Interconnection and Traffic Interchange Agreement for Cellular and Other 2-Way Mobile Radio Services to be executed in their behalf on the dates set forth below:

For Carrier:

By: Michael D. Rhoads  
 Typed: Michael D. Rhoads  
 Title: VP-Business Dev.  
 Date: 12-2-02

For Frontier:

By: John J. Lass  
 Typed: John J. Lass  
 Title: Vice President, Central Region  
 Date: 1/26/2004

**ATTACHMENT 1**

**CONTACT LIST**

Frontier 24-HOUR REPAIR CENTER - 1-800-565-1619

## SERVICE ATTACHMENT - TYPE 2A

### Section 1 - Description

Frontier's interconnection location: Clintonville, WI  
 Point of Interconnection (POI):  
 NPA NXX

Carrier's interconnection location: Clintonville, WI  
 Point of Interconnection (POI):

Legal Entities: ALLTEL Communications, Inc., ALLTEL Communications of Lacrosse Limited Partnership, Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah MSA Limited Partnership, Eau Claire MSA Limited Partnership, Wisconsin RSA #1 Limited Partnership, Wisconsin RSA #2 Limited Partnership, Wisconsin RSA #6 Limited Partnership, Wisconsin RSA #7 Limited Partnership, Wisconsin RSA #8 Limited Partnership .  
 Frontier Communications of Wisconsin LLC

Effective Date: First Business Day After State Approval

### Section 2 - Usage Sensitive Charges

2.1 Charges for Reciprocal Transport and Termination of Local Traffic Interchanged Between The Parties:

The land-to-mobile originating rate is limited in application to Land-to-Mobile (Originating) calls that originate in the Frontier Local Calling Area at the Point of Interconnection. The mobile-to-land terminating rate is limited in application to Mobile-to-Land (Terminating) calls that terminate at a point within a Frontier Exchange Area within the MTA in which the call originates. . All other traffic is subject to access rates.

The rates in this Section 2 constitute compensation to the Parties for both the transport and termination of Local Traffic interchanged between them.

2.2	Mobile-to-Land (Terminating) per minute*	<u>\$0.010</u>
	Land-to-Mobile (Customer charges Frontier) per minute	<u>\$0.010</u>
	Wireline to Wireline (Land to Land)	<u>Bill and Keep</u>
	Tandem Transit	<u>\$0.0061854</u>
	Non-MTA**	<u>Access rates apply</u>

\*limited in application to calls originating on Carrier's System within its Service Area and terminating at a point in a Frontier exchange area within the MTA

\*\*applicable to mobile-to-land (terminating) calls terminating at a point in a Frontier exchange area but which did not originate on Carrier's System within Service Area

### Section 3 - Network Facilities

If Frontier is requested to provide facilities between the Point of Interconnection and any Carrier facilities or locations within Frontier Service Area, such facilities will be provided pursuant to the special access services' provisions of Frontier FCC #1 Tariff. The rates for such facilities are subject to change during the term of this Agreement.

## SERVICE ATTACHMENT - TYPE 2B

### Section 1 - Description

**Frontier's interconnection location:** Clintonville, WI  
Point of Interconnection (POI):  
**NPA NXX**

**Carrier's interconnection location:** Clintonville, WI  
Point of Interconnection (POI): **OCN -**  
**6547,6712,6931,2253,2256,2260,2261,2266,2273, 2285, 2303**  
**NPA NXX**

Legal Entities: ALLTEL Communications, Inc., ALLTEL Communications of Lacrosse Limited Partnership, Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah MSA Limited Partnership, Eau Claire MSA Limited Partnership, Wisconsin RSA #1 Limited Partnership, Wisconsin RSA #2 Limited Partnership, Wisconsin RSA #6 Limited Partnership, Wisconsin RSA #7 Limited Partnership, Wisconsin RSA #8 Limited Partnership

Frontier Communications of Wisconsin LLC

Effective Date: First Business Day After State Approval

### Section 2 - Usage Sensitive Charges

- 2.1 Charges for Reciprocal Transport and Termination of Local Traffic Interchanged Between The Parties:

The land-to-mobile originating rate is limited in application to Land-to-Mobile (Originating) calls that originate in the Frontier Local Calling Area at the Point of Interconnection. The mobile-to-land terminating rate is limited in application to Mobile-to-Land (Terminating) calls that terminate at a point within a Frontier Exchange Area within the MTA in which the call originates. . All other traffic is subject to access rates.

The rates in this Section 2 constitute compensation to the Parties for both the transport and termination of Local Traffic interchanged between them.

2.2	Mobile-to-Land (Terminating) per minute*	<u>\$0.010</u>
	Land-to-Mobile (Customer charges Frontier) per minute	<u>\$0.010</u>
	Wireline to Wireline (Land to Land)	<u>Bill and Keep</u>
	Tandem Transit	<u>\$0.0061854</u>
	Non-MTA**	<u>Access rates apply</u>

\*limited in application to calls originating on Carrier's System within its Service Area and terminating at a point in a Frontier exchange area within the MTA

\*\*applicable to mobile-to-land (terminating) calls terminating at a point in a Frontier exchange area but which did not originate on Carrier's System within Service Area

### Section 3 - Network Facilities

If Frontier is requested to provide facilities between the Point of Interconnection and any Carrier facilities or locations within Frontier Service Area, such facilities will be provided pursuant to the special access services'

provisions of Frontier FCC #1 Tariff. The rates for such facilities are subject to change during the term of this Agreement.

## **SERVICE ATTACHMENT - INDIRECT**

### **Section 1 – Description**

Carrier OCN: 6547, 6712, 6931, 2253, 2256, 2260, 2261, 2266, 2273, 2285, 2303

Legal Entities: ALLTEL Communications, Inc., ALLTEL Communications of Lacrosse Limited Partnership, Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah MSA Limited Partnership, Eau Claire MSA Limited Partnership, Wisconsin RSA #1 Limited Partnership, Wisconsin RSA #2 Limited Partnership, Wisconsin RSA #6 Limited Partnership, Wisconsin RSA #7 Limited Partnership, Wisconsin RSA #8 Limited Partnership

Frontier Communications of Wisconsin LLC

### **Section 2 - Usage Sensitive Charges**

2.1 Charges for Reciprocal Transport and Termination of Local Traffic Interchanged Between The Parties:

The rates in this Section 2 constitute compensation to the Parties for both the transport and termination of local telecommunications traffic, as defined in Section 51.701 of the FCC's Rules, interchanged between them.

2.2	Mobile-to-Land (Terminating) per minute*:	\$0.010
	Land-to-Mobile (Customer charges Frontier) per minute:	\$0.010

\*limited in application to calls originating on Carrier's system within its Service Area and terminating at a point in a Frontier exchange area within the MTA.

### **Section 3 - Network Facilities**

This Agreement relates to the exchange of Local Traffic between the respective networks of Carrier and Frontier, which uses the tandem switching facilities of a third party for the point of interconnection and where there is no direct connection between Carrier and Frontier. Unless a direct connection is separately negotiated, no network facilities between the Parties will be used.



**SERVICE ATTACHMENT  
OPTIONAL NON-LOCAL ARRANGEMENT**

**Section 1 – Description**

**Citizens Interconnection Location:** Clintonville, Wisconsin  
Point of Interconnection (POI):  
**NPA 715 NXX 823**

**Carrier's Interconnection Location:** Clintonville, Wisconsin  
Point of Interconnection (POI): **OCN: 6547, 6712, 6931, 2253, 2256,  
2260, 2261, 2266, 2273, 2285, 2303**  
**NPA 715 NXX 570, 572,**  
**NPA 920 NXX 570, 572, 213, 585, 716, 810, 841, 850, 851**

Legal Entities: ALLTEL Communications, Inc., ALLTEL Communications of Lacrosse Limited Partnership, Appleton-Oshkosh-Neenah MSA Limited Partnership, Eau Claire MSA Limited Partnership, Wisconsin RSA #1 Limited Partnership, Wisconsin RSA #2 Limited Partnership, Wisconsin RSA #6 Limited Partnership, Wisconsin RSA #7 Limited Partnership, Wisconsin RSA #8 Limited Partnership

Frontier of Wisconsin LLC

Effective Date: First Business Day after execution by both Parties.

**Section 2 – Type 2A Optional Non-Local Interconnection Arrangement**

- 2.1 Type 2A Optional Local Interconnection Arrangements provide Carrier the option to afford calling parties from Citizens' calling areas beyond the local calling area at the Point of Interconnection with toll charge free calling to Carrier's end users in consideration of the land-to-mobile charges that Carrier will pay Citizens. Type 2A Optional Local Interconnection Arrangements require use of trunk group exclusively dedicated to Type 2A Optional Local Interconnection traffic.
- 2.2 Charges for Reciprocal Transport and Termination of Local Traffic Interchanged Between the Parties in Type 2A Non-Local Interconnection Arrangements:

Land to Mobile (Citizens charges Carrier) per minute\* \$0.095

\*Limited in application to calls originating on Carrier's system within the Service Area and terminating at a point in a Citizens exchange area within the MTA.

**Section 3 – Network Facilities**

If Citizens is requested to provide facilities between the POI and any Carrier facilities or locations within Carrier's Service Area, such facilities will be provided pursuant to the Special Access Services provisions of Citizens FCC Tariff #1, Section 7.